

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

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INTRO.:

A. Read text: **Colossians 4:6**.

B. Regarding the text:

1. "... that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."
2. "... be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."
3. **Act 17:2** "And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures."
4. Every answer we give must be based upon Biblical truth. **Titus 2:1** "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:"

DISCUSSION: These are question that have recently been asked.

I. WHY DID DAVID ASK FOR THE EPHOD TO BE BROUGHT TO HIM WHEN IT WAS A PRIESTLY GARMENT?

A. **1 Samuel 30:7-8**.

B. What is the ephod?

1. A priestly garment, shoulder-cape or mantle, outer garment.
 - 1) One worn by an ordinary priest and made of white.
 - 2) Another worn by the high priest - more costly, woven of gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and linen threads provided with shoulder-pieces and a breast piece of like material, ornamented with gems and gold.
2. The word ephod is found in 42 Old Testament passages.
3. Who would wear the ephod?
 - 1) High priests: **Exodus 28:4-14**.
 - 2) Common priests: **1 Samuel 22:18**.
 - 3) Some who were not priests:
 - a. Samuel did: **1 Samuel 2:18**.
 - b. Gideon did: **Judges 8:27**. It seems that Gideon being now the civil ruler, desired to have an ephod of his own, kept in his own city, to be worn by the priest whenever Gideon might summon him to inquire of the Lord for him.

C. Our question: Why did David ask for the ephod to be brought to him when it was a priestly garment?

1. **1 Samuel 30:7-8** "And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David. And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all."
2. David asked for the ephod, not to put it on himself, but that the high priest might put it on, and make inquiry of the Lord might be made before him of the Lord by Urim and Thummim.

D. From my study, this is my answer to the question.

II. IN MATTHEW 16:18 JESUS SAID, "THOU ART PETER AND UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH." WAS HE TALKING ABOUT BUILDING HIS CHURCH ON PETER OR WAS HE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE?

A. There are two Greek words for rock. Both are seen in this verse.

1. Peter – petros, which means a (piece of) rock; a stone (**John 1:42**).

2. "This rock" – petra, a large stone (**Matthew 7:24-25**).
- B. Since the Bible makes a distinction between petros and petra, it is obvious that Jesus did not say that he would build his church upon Peter (petros), but upon petra, which is far more substantial than a stone.**
 1. The foundation of the church, therefore, is the truth that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
 - 1) **1 Corinthians 10:4.**
 - 2) **Romans 9:33.**
 2. Peter was given the keys that ushered in the church (first to the Jews in **Acts 2**, then for the Gentiles in **Acts 10**).
- C. Jesus said, "... That thou art Peter (a stone), and upon this rock (a massive bolder – the confession of faith) I will build my church..."**

III. IS IT BLASPHEMING GOD'S NAME FOR PEOPLE TO SAY "MY GOD OR OH MY GOD - OMG?"

- A. Exodus 20:7 "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain."**
 1. Calling on the name of God is not wrong, **IF** used properly.
 2. If it is used improperly, it would be in vain. Thus, to be found guilty.
- B. Today we hear many using God's name in vain.**
 1. Most think of this as connecting His name profanities.
 2. However, today we often see and hear those who use His name when referring to an unpleasant or distressful thing.
 - 1) A popular thing is for people to say or text OMG! Not in the sense of honor but in a sense of surprise, disbelief, disgust, etc.
 - 2) Biblically speaking, O God is used to show respect and awe for Jehovah (**Hebrews 1:18; 10:7; 10:9**).
- C. When using God's name, it should be with reverence and honor.**
 1. **Matthew 6:9.** Hallowed means to "Be held in reverence"; regarded and treated as holy.
 2. **Psalm 8:1; Psalm 72:19.**

IV. IS IT AUTHORIZED TO RAISE MONEY FOR CHURCH ACTIVITIES THROUGH BAKE SALES, CAR WASHES, ETC.?

- A. These things are usually done to support youth or senior activities.**
- B. However, there is no Biblical authority for doing such.**
 1. Bible authority comes from 1) a direct command; 2) a necessary inference; 3) approved example.
 2. The authority for supporting the work of the church is found in **1 Corinthians 16:1-2**. "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have *given order to the churches of Galatia*, even so do ye. Upon the *first day of the week* let every one of you *lay by him in store*, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."
 3. In this verse we see the command and an approved example.
- C. There is no authority for selling services, material, or products. The end does not justify the means! Colossians 3:17.**